

Delay Act Changes (continued)

postponed, Mrs. Rena Hill told Six Nations Council members Thursday.

Mrs. Hill, councillor and representative to preliminary discussions in Toronto on revisions of the act, told council she contacted MP James Brown and learned that no decision had been reached on Six Nations representation to the final meeting in Ottawa which has been postponed.

The meeting in Ottawa was to have been held later this month. No date has been set for the meeting.

Members of the Six Nations have objected to being excluded from the talks because they represent more than 20 per cent of the Indians in Ontario.

Mrs. Hill said Mr. Brown was continuing his plea for Six Nations representation at the final draft of the act.

Curator of Chiefswood Resigns

Mrs. Joyce Smoke, present curator, advised council Thursday that she is leaving the post. Mrs. Smoke, who has been curator of the museum for several years, is moving to Hamilton.

Six Nations council is looking for a curator for Chiefswood, the historic home of Indian poetess E. Pauline Johnson.

Chiefswood, located east of the city on Highway 54, contains many of Miss Johnson's personal effects. More than 10,000 persons pass through the home each year.

Road Maintenance on Six Nations Reserve

Six Nations council Thursday passed a supplementary bylaw to provide \$189,000 for construction and maintenance of reserve roads.

The money is part of the total \$320,000 expected road expenditures for the year. Of this sum, the department of highways provides about \$175,000, council provides \$23,000 from band funds and the department of Indian affairs provides the balance.

Council amended the road budget contribution from band funds from the original estimate of \$15,000 to \$23,000.

Costly Error

An error in paperwork has cost Six Nations Council \$125,000. Council learned of the error Thursday from Donald Cassie, Six Nations Superintendent, who said that somewhere in the paper work when council applied for a \$625,000 five-year housing incentive program, the figure was erroneously placed as \$500,000.

Under this plan, the department of Indian affairs supplies \$125,000 a year to the band. The money is then issued on application for improvements on existing homes or construction of new homes on the reserve. The borrower then pays the money back to council. The plan is designed to be self-sustaining within a few years.

Now instead of council receiving the yearly grant of \$125,000 for five years, it will only receive it for four years.

Mr. Cassie said his department was checking to ascertain if the lost year's grant could be recovered. He said that he fully realized all discussions prior to original application had been for \$625,000 and in fact several pieces of correspondence with Toronto had included that figure. However, somewhere in the original application, the figure \$500,000 had been substituted for the \$625,000.

A report on housing will be completed later this month to determine the extent of assistance the program has provided.

'Great White' Father

The government wants to digest the views of Indian spokesmen before announcing its new policy on Indian affairs, the Commons was told Thursday.

Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien said the new policy, to be announced within a few months, will show that the government was listening when Indians gave their views at 17 consultation meetings on proposed changes in the Indian Act.

Robert Andras, minister without portfolio who has the duty of recommending new policies on Indian affairs, said any new policy will fail unless it incorporates the advice of Indians and involves more of them in implementation.

Mr. Chretien said he agrees that the Indian Act is too paternalistic. He said 111 of the 135 clauses in the Indian Act require him to do things Indians should be permitted to do on their own.